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Drive-in makes a splash!

by AnneMarie Donahue

Students from all over campus converged on the Alumni Quad last Wednesday without thought of the dreaded Hurricane Floyd. What met them was a 3,500-gallon heated pool and an indoor movie screen playing music videos. Unfortunately for these



Class of 2001 President Becky Morse takes the plunge with Eric "Moose" Carpenter.

"Jaws" fans, the movie was delayed by half an hour due to the heavy traffic inside the art gallery. The exhibit by Charles Shields brought in the biggest crowd that the Hammond Art Gallery has ever held, according to Brian Bicknell, adviser to the Programs Committee.

The students who stayed around were treated to the movie "Jaws" played on both the big screen, inside the M&M Lounge, and on a large television set for the outdoor group in the pool.

The turnout was better than some had expected. "I was a little unsure about coming, because of all the rain and this hurricane that was supposed to show up," a student said. One student commented that Hurricane Floyd's name should be changed to Hurricane Hype for a tour with Prince. The storm



Students braved the rain to get soaked in the heated pool.

could not be reached for comment, but his publicist informed us that Floyd would be very interested in touring in that project.

"It's good that it's raining, you should try this in the show!" said the pool technician who checked the water temperature regularly. Students in attendance agreed that this was a great way for the Programs Committee to start off the year.

Handbook serves up controversy

by AnneMarie Donahue

A discrepancy, possibly not the only one, in the 1999-2000 student handbook, has led to a debate between students, Chartwells and the school.

On page 167 of the student handbook it clearly states that should a student need a replacement meal card, the cost would be \$10. However ACMS is charging \$25 under the orders of the school.

Many students are in need of these cards to get the food, which was already paid for as part of their bill. However, due to this new development many are encouraged to wait and see what the price will be.

Rebecca Morse, president of the Class of 2001, said she quickly noticed this discrepancy.

"I was looking through the student handbook when this caught my eye," Morse said. She said she then spoke to Dean Ann Coyne about the matter.

"She told me that regardless of the student handbook, it was the policy of the school. But then the SGA lawyer

told me that if it is stated in the handbook, the school has to abide by it."

At the time this article was written Coyne was unavailable for comment.

The student handbook is in many ways deemed a contract between the school and the student body on a list of rules of behaviour and conduct that the students must uphold. However, if one party breaches this contract it is the legal right of the other party to complain or even sue. "I don't get why we need them at all. I already paid for this food, why do I have to pay again?" Sarah, a junior, asked about the replacement meal cards.

Many students believe that the price should be lowered, a concern which was voiced during an SGA meeting last semester by Jessica McGowan.

This controversy isn't over and student leaders are urging people to postpone buying new meal cards until the actual cost can be determined.

This was not the only mistake found in the student handbook; incorrect dates and times for campus events were logged as well.

Step up for satire

The Capitol Steps, a troupe of Congressional staffers-turned-comedians who travel the country satirizing the very people and places that once employed them, will perform at Fitchburg State on Oct. 2, at 8 p.m. in Weston Auditorium.

Tickets, at \$15 each, are available at the college's box office or by mail order. Tickets will also be available at the door on the evening of the performance. Call (978) 665-3347 or (978) 665-3709 for more information.

The Capitol Step perform over 400 shows a year all over the country, covering territory from Portland, Maine to Portland, Ore.

Since they began, the group has recorded 18 albums, including their latest, "First Lady and the Tramp."

They've been featured on three national PBS specials, numerous TV shows, and can be heard four times a year on National Public Radio stations nationwide during their "Politics Takes a Holiday" radio specials.

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Chip Wood to head the Fitchburg Educational Conference

Chip Wood, co-creator of the concept of "the responsive classroom" and author of "Yardsticks" and "Time to Teach, Time To Learn: Changing the Pace," will deliver the keynote address at Fitchburg State College's 13th annual Alternative Education Conference on Sept. 30 beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the college's McKay Teacher Education Center.

The topic for this year's conference is "Respecting Children and the Pace of School." The public, and particularly area teachers, can attend free of charge.

Off-campus groups are asked to call 978-665-3193 if more than 10 people will be attending.

The event will feature a series of seminars showcasing innovative schools in Massachusetts:

The Pilot School of Cambridge Rindge and Latin in Cambridge is one of a number of alternatives offered at the Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School.

The grades 9-12 innovative program features interdisciplinary education, a true multicultural approach to meet the needs of diverse students, and opportunities to relate the curriculum to the real world.

Other scheduled participants include:

The Greenfield Center School in Greenfield - Teachers from the school will help explain how this pre-primes through eighth-grade school works. This seminar is geared to middle-school educators who want to apply developmental education at a higher level.

The Amigos Program of Robert F. Kennedy School in Cambridge - The principal and teachers of the K-8 Amigos program will discuss how to make bilingual education come alive.

Topics will include the realities of "two-way," and how both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking students can benefit from such a curriculum.

The Pine Hill School in Wilton, N.H., where educators are looking at values and the role of spirituality in the curriculum. Discussion will center on this approach to elementary education.

The Hubbardston Center School in Hubbardston - This K-8 public school has been home to a number of Fitchburg State student teachers and pre-practicum students. The school boasts a "language rich environment" and the kind of spirit that is much

talked about in the literature of effective schools.

Principal Joan Paula will discuss how she and her teachers do it.

The Alternative High School of Malden - Special education professors have been singing the praises of this unusually responsive high school for years. Discussion will center on inclusion, special education and meeting the needs of high school students.

A discussion with Chip Wood will be a special session for practitioners in the field who are using the responsive classroom approach, or for people especially interested in topics covered in his new book. A reception will be held at 3:30 p.m. outside the McKay Auditorium.

The Alternative Education Conference, which each year focuses on a different aspect of alternative schooling, is sponsored by the Early Childhood Education Department at Fitchburg State.

The McKay Teacher Education Center serves as a laboratory school for the Education Department and as an elementary school for the city of Fitchburg. The faculty is a mix of college professor and city teachers.

Steppers like to laugh at politics

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The group known as the Capitol Steps was born in December 1981, when three staffers for Senator Charles Percy were planning entertainment for a Christmas party.

They decided to dig into the headlines of the day, and created song parodies and skits that conveyed a special brand of satirical humor that was as popular in Peoria as it was on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Ronald Reagan was president when the Steps began, so co-founders Elaina Newport, Bill Strauss and Jim Aidala figured that if entertainers could become politicians, politicians could become entertainers.

Since then, the Steps have had more than 4,500 performances in 48 states.

The group has 22 cast members, five of whom are on stage for any one show.

Most cast members have worked on Capitol Hill; some for Democrats, some for Republicans. No matter who holds office, there's never a shortage of material.

"Typically the Republicans goof up, and the Democrats party. Then the Democrats goof up and the Republicans party.

"That's what we call the two-party system," Newport explained.

Although the Capitol Steps are based in Washington, D.C., most of their shows are out-of-town or for out-of-town audiences.

Whether it's the National Welding Supply Association, a university audience, high schoolers, or state legislators, people love to laugh at the foibles of public figures like Bill Clinton, who deals with a "Secret Asian Man," or Bob Dole, who hopes to finally make his poll rise with "Viagra" (to "Maria").

In fact, the Capitol Steps have performed for the last four Presidents.

The only complaints the Steps seem to get are from politicians and personalities who are not included in the program, according to the group's publicists.

Fitchburg State College film students earn national honors

Five Fitchburg State College students have had their work accepted for screening at the prestigious National Student Film, Video and New Media Festival.

"This is a real honor, for both our students and our department," said Communications/Media Professor LeAnn Erickson. "Our students were competing against such major institutions as Columbia, NYU, Northwestern, Parson's School of Design, RIT, and the Pratt Institute."

Last year, Fitchburg State student Edwin Encarnacion won a major award at the festival.

Students whose work will be presented at this year's festival are Kate Giddings, with "Girl," in the animation category; Michael Harty, with "Headlong," in the documentary category; Doug Ryan, with "Panic," in the undergraduate narrative category; and Andrew Guthrie and Heather McCarthy in the new media category.

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Celebration
North Street Playground
noon - 3 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 3
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Boston

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FSC Leadership Conference
Campus Center
2 p.m.

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Oct. 11
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Weekend
Holyoke

Saturday, Oct. 23
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Come out and get to know the sisters of Tri-Sigma on Thursday, September 16th at 7:30 in the G-Lobby. The ladies will be hosting a Love, Peace and Sigma 60's Party!

Meet in the
M&M lounge
@ 7:00 P.M.

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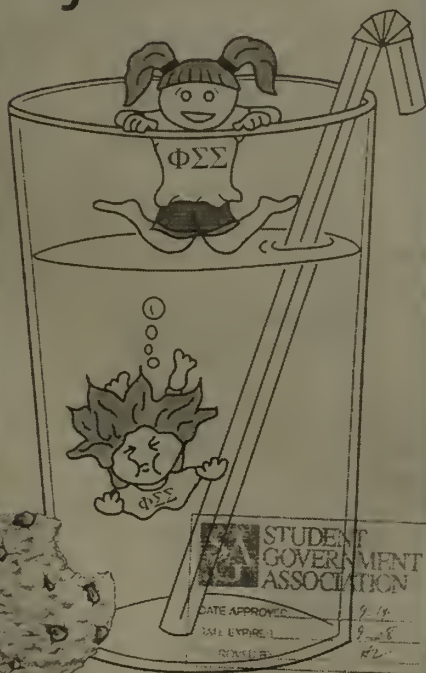
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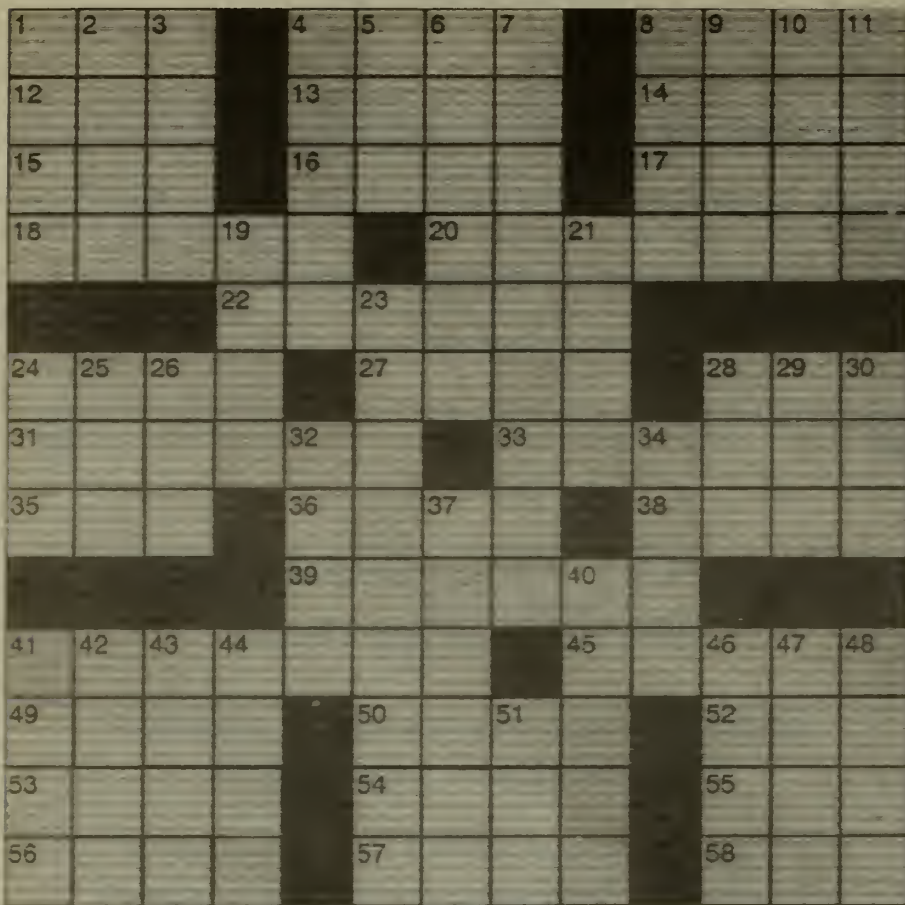
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1. Pigpen
4. Ocean's waves
8. Poet
12. Roaring Twenties, e.g.
13. Befuddled
14. ____ vera lotion
15. At any time, to Burns
16. "____ Start All Over Again"
17. Stem attachment
18. Bills of fare
20. West Point, e.g.
22. Table-linen item
24. Soil enricher
27. Landlord's income
28. CIA agent
31. Intrude
33. Beached
35. Prompter's offering
36. Expel
38. Flurries

DOWN

1. Look
2. Cypress, e.g.
3. Tall tale
4. Mexican condiment
5. Function
6. Second shooting
7. Spellbind
8. ____ eagle
9. toward the sheltered side
10. Walk aimlessly

11. Disobey
19. Golden-rule word
21. Colony insects
23. first performances
24. Photo
25. Flightless Aussie
26. Gorilla
28. Piece of turf
29. Master
30. Affirmative answer
32. Large trailer
34. Hinged fastener
37. Interior
40. Oxidizes
41. Pinnacle
42. Combine
43. Teen dance
44. "____ Than Zero"
46. Defendant's reply
47. Gain as profit
48. Colored
51. Peach's center

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I can't believe the "Employee of the Month" voting now includes a swimsuit competition.

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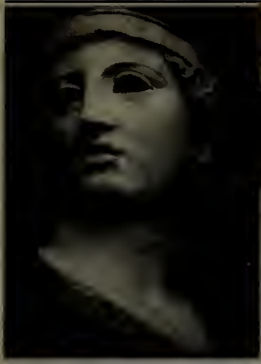
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As Foretold by Cassandra

Horoscopes

Aries Okay, unless you really like being tortured remember it's "dishonor BEFORE discomfort." Although you may have chosen a difficult route and path to follow and many unknown twists and turns lie ahead you have to remember that this leads to what you want, and therefore must be traveled.

Taurus You have Martha Stewart's gift of taking junk and making it look like this unique piece of designer art. You shouldn't take that for granted and neither should anyone else for that matter, but if that picky person bitches about their b-day gift, just act as if nothing's happening. Hurtful words fall hard on people and shouldn't be thrown at friends.

Gemini Great ideas, bad timing. Story of your life? Don't worry, it gets worse, people are going to receive that brilliant plan of yours a little coldly, but don't let it affect you. They already made plans and don't want to change them, next time listen to the conversations and keep up with everyone else.

Cancer Something big will happen to you to remind you that you are not as old as you may feel, don't be afraid and just go with the flow of things. If you can stay afloat you will enjoy this event, but beware of becoming immature.

Leo I'm sorry Leo, but it's time you 'fessed up and told everybody that Ms. Smarty-pants herself doesn't know the answer. If you keep them hanging on for too long they may get screwed in the long run and resent you. The answer will appear soon, but don't feel defeated if it doesn't come from you.



Personals



Dedicated to helping the loveless of Fitchburg State College, The Point has come up with a personals column to introduce possibly compatible people to one another. We sincerely hope that you take full advantage of this and if you are interested in any of the descriptions listed below please call The Point at x3647. If you want to place an ad then please contact AnneMarie Donahue and set up a time to come into the office and have a resume written for you. Thank you very much and happy hunting!

#1 SWF looking for SWM who is interested in skiing, biking and hiking. Is interested in comedy movies, like rap, R&B, hip-hop, and other types of dance music. No smokers need apply! Fun and adventure seekers only, who are active and able to keep up!
If interested contact x3647

#2 Single White Male looking for Single White Female interested in writing and poetry. I love writing and going to poetry readings, I'm looking for someone to share this with. I have dark hair and dark eyes and I would like a similar person.
If interested contact #3647

#3 Openly gay single white male looking for openly gay single male to have fun and talk with. Relationship is good, but will take friendship! Enjoy reading, watching horror movies, and going to dance clubs. I am fun and easy going, and am looking for someone with a positive outlook!
If interested contact x3647

Virgo Drama-Queen! Okay, you win - now get off the cross someone needs the wood! With the way things are going right now you are going to be lucky if you don't isolate yourself from your entire group of friends. Try being a little more adult and handle situations without such a show, you only hurt people more by this childish display.

Libra Making changes in your life can be fun and easy too! However be careful, making changes in one area often leads to changes in other areas, areas that don't need changing! Just remember all change is good change, unless it leads to devastating heartbreak and then it's bad change... I dunno, you figure it out, I just read 'em!

Scorpio Keeping a vigilant and quick mind will aid you more than simply shouting at others. People expect wisdom from you, since you're such a wise old sage, so don't blow your cover as a normal human beings by getting in to a fight and throwing four letter words.

Sagittarius GO ON VACATION! I'm serious, I know it's the beginning of the school year and we've only just begun the serious work, but you need to take a break because the way you are going you head toward total nervous breakdown.

Capricorn Stand firm, just like Cartmen says, "Respect my authority!" You are stronger and smarter than this pipsqueak so don't worry about taking him on! You are a person who cuts right to the matter of something and that is what the situation calls for!

Aquarius So your closet's a mess, you keep losing your mailbox combination and you couldn't balance your check book on your head. Some people just take more time growing into the stage where they are together and nobody is actually as together as they may seem!

Pisces Even though everyone else failed to see it, it was a miracle that you witnessed. You are not crazy. Pisces are the most in tune with the spiritual world of the astrological signs and therefore it's only normal that you pick up on things like this. Try to share it with others, but they may find it difficult to understand, write it down.

#4 Single black female about 5'7" Loves going to the movies, shopping, cooling, dancing, writing, etc. Looking for a taller male, nice personality, fun loving and active. So if you think you are the right on and you think you are man enough to rock my world, call The Point office at x3647 and arrange to meet me!

#5 Single white male, looking for fun loving gal into Final Fantasy VIII and other video games. I love the outdoors and hiking and such, but I'm a sucker for a couch, bag of chips and a good actions flick. If I don't sound too bad then call up The Point and ask to check me out!
x3647

#6 Single ethnic female. I'm into camping and hiking and all sorts of things. I'm a really positive happy person and I want to find a guy who is interested in having fun and joining me on long hikes. Ethnic male is good, but others will do, please give a call and we'll see what can happen? x3647

Happy Birthday Cathy Dixon!
From your friends! Jen Buck, Shauna Hagstrom, Rahkee Chohan, AnneMarie Donahue and all of Mara 6!
Congratualtions on turning 20 years old this Monday, September 21st!

Annemarie Donahue, the editor-in-chief, wishes to extend an "I love you" to her boyfriend, Michael Poirier. Also she would like to thank him for all the love and support he has given her. She also wants to say Happy Anniversary on this their six month anniversary! I love you Muffin-Poop!

NOTICE: This is a space where you can send a special message to the ones whom you love! Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary and holidays are all available! If you are interested in placing an ad wishing someone well then contact The Point (x3647) and we'll write it for you!

Can't change Chris Cornell

by Robin E. Sandberg

Sadly, Soundgarden has ended, but the band's past member, now turned solo artist, is still kicking and screaming.

Chris Cornell, once lead singer to Soundgarden, launched his first solo tour at the Sanders Theater in Cambridge on the night of Sept. 13.

"Euphoria Morning," Cornell's first solo album, was slated to be released on Sept. 21 and his first single, "Can't Change Me," is already available to listeners over the Internet.

As a friend and I traveled to Boston Monday night we tried to imagine what it would be like to see Chris Cornell and how he would sound live, and alone.

It was by far more than we had ever hoped for. The theater was small, which allowed for a more intimate feeling, where the artist wasn't overwhelmed by hordes of screaming crowds, but met with honest enthusiasm from what seemed like a circuit of close friends.

Cornell, dressed in all black with his dark hair hanging over his mysterious eyes, gave the image of the perfect struggling artist.



However, it wasn't a weak and frail voice that came from this "tortured soul." He gripped the microphone and with his powerful, soulful voice belted out tunes that attacked the entire theater and shocked the audience. The entire audience leaned forward in awe at his irresistible exhibition.

Cornell began with "Seasons" then went on to play "Sunshower." Both songs are from soundtracks to amazing movies concerning people in difficult relationships and the hardships they face.

"Seasons" is off of the "Singles" soundtrack, a movie about young urban people looking for lasting relationships while juggling jobs and lives.

"Sunshower" was featured on the "Great Expectations" soundtrack, a remake of the classic Dickens novel about the struggle of people from two different worlds.

Cornell then went on to his new single, "Can't Change Me," and by then the audience was right with him. The show lasted about an hour and a half where he basically gave us a taste of his new album to come.

We came out of the show realizing what a truly talented and exuberant singer Cornell is, bringing with him years of experience and a fresh voice to add to the music world.

Anyone present could tell that he loves what he does and is willing to put every ounce of himself into it.

I am anticipating the release of his new album and looking forward to whatever he brings to the world.



Summer films sizzled

by Robin E. Sandberg

If there ever were a summer movie madness actually worth checking out, the summer of 1999 had it. In fact, there are a select few movies that I'd put in the category of ones not worth missing. These would be the films that broke boundaries and made viewers want to rush to see them.

Some highly entertaining films that caught my attention included "Eyes Wide Shut," "The Thomas Crown

"The Thomas Crown Affair," with Pierce Brosnan and Rene Russo, was a sharp movie with slick characters. It was very 007-ish with all the schemes and twists.

Of course "South Park" was a huge surprise to me. I mean that literally - my mouth was dropped open throughout the movie in shock. Definately not something for the entire family, unless dysfunction is how you function!

I was caught completely off guard by this movie, which starts off in a musical number reminiscent of a Disney film. However, this musical takes a noted turn with the next musical number, whose title cannot be printed in this paper. Get my drift?

I laughed much more at this movie, which was allowed to throw all its punches, than when I would watch the show. Even if you aren't a fan of the show you may still find the movie version entertaining.

The films at the top of my list were "The Sixth Sense," "Notting Hill," "The Blair Witch Project" and of course, "American Pie."

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JULIA ROBERTS HUGH GRANT



Affair" and "South Park." However, I wouldn't put these at the top of my list of what to see.

"The General's Daughter" with John Travolta seemed like it would be the usual suspense film. It turned out to be a really intense movie that didn't have the typical Hollywood ending - you know, the kind that a blind man can see from a mile away.

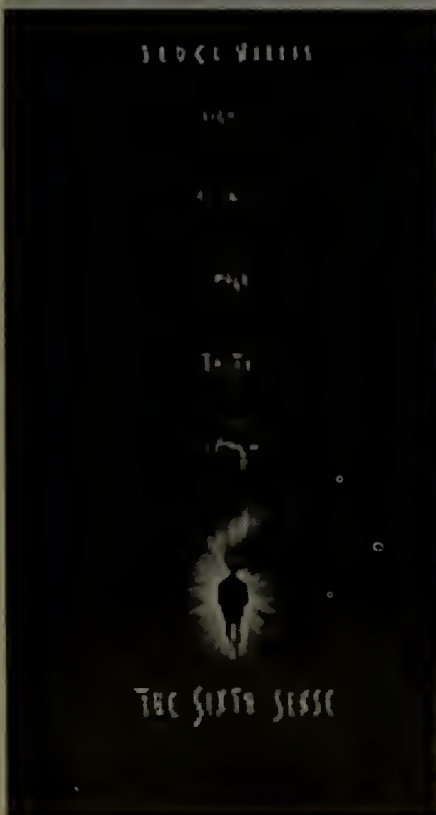
Travolta plays a counter-intelligence detective sent to a military base in Alabama to investigate the brutal rape and murder of the daughter of a retiring general.

However, throughout the course of the movie, the grisly details turn even more horrifying as Travolta uncovers her mysterious past and career at West Point.

This was an excellent movie, however not something you can sit through without feeling dirty at the end. Ever seen "Sleepers"?

Robin's ratings

1. 'American Pie'
2. 'The Blair Witch Project'
3. 'Notting Hill'
4. 'The Sixth Sense'
5. 'The General's Daughter'
6. 'Runaway Bride'
7. 'South Park'
8. 'The Thomas Crown Affair'
9. 'Eyes Wide Shut'
10. 'Star Wars: Episode One'



'For Love of the Game' nearly scores

by Michael T. Ryder

Four stars out of five (in baseball terms - A stand-up triple)

Since he tread water in "WaterWorld," failed to deliver in "The Postman," and couldn't get across to audiences his "Message in a Bottle," Kevin Costner has needed a big hit movie to rejuvenate his career. In the baseball / love story, "For Love of the Game," Costner has found, perhaps, the movie to put him back on Hollywood's radar screen.

Based on Pulitzer Prize-winning author Michael Shaara's 1988 book, the movie traces the last five years of Detroit Tigers pitcher Billy Chapel, as he pitches in the greatest game of his baseball career. Using a perfect game as a backdrop, the movie flashes back on events in Chapel's life, including an on-again/off-again relationship with fashion journalist Jane Aubrey (Kelly Preston).

In the past, Costner starred, and scored, with two other baseball movies, 1988's "Bull Durham" and 1989's "Field of Dreams." While "For Love.." doesn't have the exceptionally dynamic sexual tension and witty dialogue of "Bull Durham" or the three-hanky moments (I still get choked up when he plays catch with his dad) of "Field of Dreams," it does contain some nice moments such as Chapel (Costner) saying goodbye to an ex-teammate ("I think I will miss you most of all, Scarecrow") or autographing a baseball announcing his retirement ("For love of

the game, tell them I'm through, Billy Chapel) or his crying in a lonely hotel room after the big game, the movie fails to show imperfection (the love story) within perfection (the game) and never provides the proper balance between a split-fingered fastball and a sweet centered kiss.

The movie's best moments are the baseball scenes, from Chapel demanding from the Tiger manager that his personal catcher Gus Simski (Reilly) catch the next to the last game of the season, to his brushing back a Yankee batter (I enjoyed that scene the most) to his inner monologue while on the pitching mound. These scenes assisted the movie greatly. It also didn't hurt that many of the "ballplayers" Costner was playing with were ex-major, or minor league, ballplayers, thus giving the movie a realistic feel.

The problems with the movie were, unfortunately for me, the love story between Costner and Preston's characters. According to producer Amy Robinson, the movie's attempt was to combine baseball and romance into a wonderful marriage. "The Love Story is trying to mirror the baseball game being played," said Robinson, "you never know what's going to happen." While I applaud the movie's realistic baseball scenes and outstanding editing and camera shots, the movie failed to show Costner and Preston's characters in any intimate settings for their characters to gel and thus many of their scenes were painful to watch. I never believed these two were a couple, and although



the one scene with Preston's daughter, Heather (Jena Malone), provided a nice, and comical, touch, I wanted more scenes with these "women" in his life, if for no other reason to give the movie more balance and purpose.

For anyone who loves baseball, I highly recommend this movie. The perfect game gives you everything you want in a baseball film, from the obnoxious Yankees fans (and they're obnoxious, trust me) to the baseball cliches (that still work), the game gives you a front row at Fenway Park feel. As for the love story, it needed a little more direction, or in a baseball term "more seasoning in the minors," to garner that last out for the perfect game, or in this case, a perfect movie.

Summer films prove they're worth a second look

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First off, "The Sixth Sense" with Bruce Willis and the young and talented Haley Joel Osment (Cole Sear) was by far the best supernatural thriller to come out in a long time.

Osment performed a definite Oscar worthy role as a young boy tortured by spirits unwilling to accept that they are dead. Osment was the true star of the movie, even if Bruce Willis got his name above the title.

I look forward to seeing this talented young man in more roles.

However, "Die Hard" fans beware - nothing blows up! If you want to see

this film because you are a fan of Willis, save your money.

Many might argue with me on "Notting Hill" because it stars Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant. That alone makes men quiver. It may shock a great many of you that this was actually really funny, mostly thanks to Hugh. Both men and women get something from this movie.

"The Blair Witch Project" was a huge surprise hit. Though I've heard many different comments on the movie where some were scared out of their minds (such as I) and others thought it

was a joke, this \$60,000 movie has earned its weight in gold thrice over!

Unfortunately for the filmmakers the main complaint that I heard about this movie was that it was giving people motion sickness due to the beyond-shaky camera movement. Either way you couldn't have left this summer without checking out the hype.

Last is "American Pie," which no other movie could top for me. I laughed hysterically from beginning to end both times I saw it. I thought it had the perfect mixture of teenage stupidity and memorable moments (both gross and sweet).

School Stories : Fresh prey

by Adanna Agbo

When I finished high school, unlike most of my friends who wanted to take a break, or go see the world, I was anxious to start college. I was going to study nursing, and be a nurse just like my mother. I dreamed about college life, meeting new friends, doing new things, and interacting with mature and sophisticated people.

I was always a good student, and I hoped college work wasn't going to be too bad. I always admired college students; I saw them as advanced, smart and more mature than most of my high school friends.

When I was in high school, I used to sneak out to go college parties with my friends. The guys were so fine, with capital 'F' and the girls were so sophisticated. We had a lot of fun at house parties, and I hoped that I was going to have more fun when I actually started college.

I was one of the first people to go back when school started. I loved the campus. Even though the food wasn't like home cooking, I knew I could manage.

My roommate was a sophomore. She was in the happening scene, and she introduced me to her friends. I hung out with my roommate and her friends. We had a lot of fun, talking about guys, eating pizza late at night, going shopping, going to the movies, etc.

It was the beginning of school, and we were bound on enjoying ourselves before the real schoolwork started. One night, we went to hang out at some guy's place that's where I met Danny.

He was cute, in the football team, packed, and he was after me. When my roommate saw us talking, she came and dragged me away, and told me not to talk to Danny, that he wasn't a good person. We left shortly after that.

I was walking to classes one morning when someone tapped me on the shoulder. It was Danny. He asked me what happened that night, and I told him that my roommate was sick so we had to go back to the room.

He asked me if I wanted to hang out sometime, and I agreed. I hung out

with him for a few days, but I hid it from my roommate.

One day he asked me to come to his room. I wasn't sure whether or not to go, but he ensured me that I was going to be safe. I wanted to ask my roommate if it was advisable, but some part of me told me not to bother.

Danny lived off campus in an apartment with two of his friends. When I got there, he was the only one there. We were in the living room watching TV.

As I started getting comfortable, he asked me to come to his room. He said he had something for me in there. I told him I was comfortable where I was, and that he should bring whatever it was into the living room. He came beside me where I was sitting, held my hands, looked me in the eyes and promised he'd never do anything to hurt me. Foolishly believing him, I went with him to his room. As soon as we got in there, he locked the door.

He came beside me and held my hands, then he whispered into my ear that I should take my clothes off. When I tried to decline, he held my hand tight and twisted it. He twisted it so hard that it hurt. I told him to stop, but he wouldn't, he took my clothes off like something he mastered from a textbook.

By this time, I was screaming, kicking, shouting, cursing, crying, and hitting. He had his music on too loud, so even if someone was around, they wouldn't have heard my cries.

The more I protested the more he hurt me, he would either twist my arm, or pull my ear, or pull my head backward with my hair.

Soon enough, I got tired. He proceeded to tie me up. At that time, I was naked. He tied my hands together, my feet together, placed me on the floor. At that point his voice, face and attitude had changed.

He was fierce, and his eyes were burning. I was still crying, like a dog that had their tongue cut. He lighted a candle, and dropped the hot wax on me. I cried as he did that, and he would

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Mr. Free Advice

Because advice is always worth the price you paid for it!

This column is a parody and not to be taken seriously. On a personal note, please be aware that you should not ask the advice of anyone who works for The Point, we're not good people..

Dear Mr. Free Advice,

I'm a sophomore and I have a problem. I'm attracted to men who are gay! Whenever I go out I find the first guy who looks cute and start talking to him, halfway through the conversation he tells me that he's gay and that he has to leave. Then he walks over to the other side of the room and starts talking to other girls. What's that? Why am I so cursed? Please help me find a nice handsome straight guy.

Alone in Aubuchon

Dear Alone,

Honey, they are not really gay, the painful truth is that you are ugly. I saw the photo you enclosed with your letter and believe me, it's a battle between your snaggle-tooth smile and those Rudolph zits! But either way you spell it - you is fugly! Just get used to being alone and unpopular, maybe you can live underneath the Holmes Dining Commons and become one of those dorky urban legends that AnneMarie used to write about!

Dear Mr. Free Advice,

I'm a freshman and the first day I moved in my roommate, a junior, was really cool to me. We chatted and got along, but now she's a total b___h! She and her boyfriend have sex all the time in the room, I mean every night! I know they've done it in my bed and that drives me nuts! I'm spending a fortune washing my sheets! Please you've got to help me get her out of my room!

Hopeless in Herlihy

Dear Hopeless,

This is a sensitive problem and I am glad you brought it to me. I want everyone reading this article to pay very close attention. Getting rid of an unwanted roommate is a touchy subject. First invest in some itching powder (yes that stuff really exists!). Next get some diarrhetic candy (the kind that diabetics can eat) and get ready for some fun!

Step one: Pour itching powder all over her sheets, don't forget to get your own as well. Then tell her that you are

-AnneMarie Donahue, Editor-in-Chief sleeping over your friend's room. Just wait for the fun tomorrow morning as her red itchy butt tries to wash that off!

Step two: Leave your chocolate in the fridge and just wait for the selfish thing to eat it! As we Canadians refer to it: She'll get a nasty touch of the scuds.

Extra help, do you have a religion, whatever it is put it up all over your room and pray constantly. Sacrifice chickens and what not! Become gay and come onto her, only thing is the little nympho might like that... Better not.

If all else fails you can always steal her birth control pills and replace them with baby aspirin! She'll be out of school in no time! Happy hunting!

Dear Mr. Free Advice,

My girlfriend left me and I'm really bummed out. She was cool and hung out with me a lot. Like I would call her up and tell her that we would go out, and then when my buddies showed up she didn't mind at all staying in to play video games.

Or when we were going to have a nice romantic weekend by the lake and my brother and three of his friends showed up and turned it into a monster keg party she had no problem with it. She didn't even mind when I got drunk and smashed up her dad's car.

I can't understand why she left, she didn't even say goodbye, some cop came over to my house with this restraining order thing and told me she didn't want to see me anymore. Why did she leave?

Rube in Russle

Dear Rube,

You are not the first man to write in trying to explain or understand the mystery that is woman. She is an enigma wrapped in a puzzle tied up in a riddle, my friend.

She's gone and there's nothing you can do about it, except remember the good times by standing outside her house at 2 a.m. wearing nothing but night-vision glasses and marking the time constantly.

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Freshman viewed as more fresh prey

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moan. It all started coming together. He was sick, he derived pleasure from hurting me physically. He was the pure form of a sadist.

He would occasionally pull a strand of my hair out, or pull my ear, or twist my arm.

When he was satisfied, he untied me, and left the room. As soon as I could get my clothes on, I ran out of his apartment, still crying. He was laughing when I left.

When I got to my room, I took a

shower, and cried like I had never cried before. When my roommate saw me, she asked whether I had gone to Danny's room. I nodded my head, she held me in her arms, and I cried.

I later learned he had done the same to her, and she had also been afraid to tell anyone. Who would believe either of us?

I really wanted college to be a wonderful experience for me, but I don't even know if I'll be back next semester or even finish this semester.

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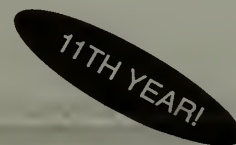
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Soccer players wanted!

by Thomas Mahoney

As hurricanes head up the East Coast, dragging unusually heavy air for a September afternoon, the Fitchburg State College women's soccer team hustles in anonymity. Their love of competition unquestioned, their love of soccer unquestioned, the team members leave only the question of why they do not get the same respect as the men they practice next to each day. The winning World Cup soccer team has brought a lot of attention to women's athletics, but have the female teams gained any esteem here at FSC? After a two-mile run in the searing summer sun, and unrelenting humidity, Amanda Blaney wonders why the men get all the admiration. "We've been around for as long. How come it takes a win for us to get any recognition? There's no MLS for women." And through all the sweat, blood, and effort, they are still short on players.

Commercial success does not always have the endearing effect most people believe. According to these young motivated ladies, the Women's World Cup win was good for girls seeking role



Soccer great Mia Hamm has made young women aware of the world of soccer.

models, "I think it has had a positive effect." Sheryl Briggs adds "Because young girls get to see that when they grow up they can get recognition for being strong leaders in their communi-

ties." But even with the national success of the women's team, here at Fitchburg State they only have 13 women on the crew, and with 11 positions needed to fill a full squad, they are limited to 6-on-6 scrimmage's at practice. So did the World Cup have a positive effect? "I think when it comes on, yes," said Heather Ranucci "But after that, no. Guys' sports just have a way of taking over."

The trouble with the women's soccer team here at FSC is not lack of desire, it's not lack of heart, and it's certainly not lack of exertion, but only a lack bodies, says Lee Churchill "We just need players!" Even the coach, Terra Meagher, said, "Laura Brown, Amy Todd, and Sheryl Briggs are my three captains. They are doing an excellent job. All the girls are doing as great job. My only complaint has been a need for a few more players.."

But the need for players was left behind last Monday night, under a cool crescent moon, as FSC women's soccer team was unable to overcome the Ayers that breezed in from Daniel Webster College.

No. 15, Jamie Ayers, scored two goals, one in each half, to blow away

the ferocious Falcons. Even though Kelly Transser scored on a penalty kick, after No. 8 Jamie Moonie was assaulted in the goal crease, the ladies just couldn't overcome the relentless clock that tick away a chance to tie the game.

Well over three quarters of the second half was played in Daniel Webster territory. Defense-women Amy Todd, the last line of defense, spent considerable time at mid-field, but the never-say-die Falcons just couldn't punch it in the net. With over a dozen attempts in the second half, including repeated insertions along the right sideline by Alison Lindbergh, the Ladies just could not connect on the centering passes.

The best chance a high lofting pass from the center-right that just bounced over the head of Lee Churchill, who had the whole net open when the goal keeper miss-played the angle.

So maybe the Women's World Cup didn't have a lasting effect, and women's sports still don't get the attention they deserve, but for what it's worth, these strong, committed, athletes have more than earned my respect.

Fitchburg Falcons dominate field over UMass

by Thomas Mahoney



They emerge from the practice field muddy, bloody, and salty. They are met in the parking lot with a shuttle bus, some used cars, and exhaustion.

There are no gold chains, grease-backed agents, or shining new Mercedes. Just the true determination to combine learning and athletics.

The Fitchburg State football team practices 2 hours everyday, and the athletes have a full class schedule.

In today's world 11 year old children are told they better earn a scholarship, while high school athletes are placed under the same strain. Division three athletics have become the last bastion of amateur sports.

There are no free rides here. You attend class or you don't attend the

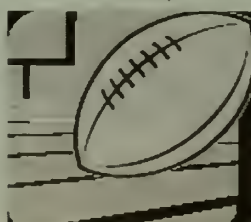
school. Coach Dave Flynn's stern, but fair rule over the team has to accentuate working out the mind as well as the body.

"Here at FSC." Flynn state "We have a program that combines the scholastic with the athletic."

So Last Saturday when your Falcons ran over UMass Boston on the FSC home field, all the hard work and sacrifice paid-off.

The FSC football team dominated the game, and won 41 to 8. The offensive line opened hole for the running backs who gained 348 yards and 4 touchdowns.

FSC all-time leader rusher, D'Andra Freeman gained 226 on 25 attempts and two TD's. He was helped out Trevor Wilson who rushed for 63 yards, and Kevin Carlo who also ran



for two touch downs.

While the passing game only managed 95 total yards, quarterback Rich Boardman threw 2 touchdown passes. the first to Tanner Grove and the second to Gene Clemons.

UMass was able to rush for 158 total yards, but 79 yards and the only TD, came on the final drive when the Falcons were looking for the pass, and the game was over.

FSC's strong defense allowed a measly 25 yards passing.

The destruction of UMass's Offense was lead by Senior captain Jason Smith who had 6 tackles, 3 for losses and a sack.

Isaac Lane chipped in 7 tackles including 2 for losses of 15 yards.

Of course in the true spirit of amateur sports 23 players con-



tributed tackles, and Sean McGuire, Kevin Callahan, and Jason Soderblum all had tackles for yardage losses.

I recommend that anyone interested in attending a truly great amateur sporting event come on down to the Elliot feild Friday night and watch the So if you are interested in the true spirit of amateur sports, you might want to travel down for your Falcons next home game, September 25th against Westfield State College. I guarantee you will not be disappointed by the commitment, passion, or skill these these conscientious student-athletes display.